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SUBJECT: WEINSTEIN DISAPPEARANCE

1. BUENOS AIRES HERALD TODAY 3/10 FRONT-PAGED
STORY OF THE KIDNAPPING OF BEATRIZ ROSALIA
IPARRAGUIRRE DE WEINSTEIN, AN INTERNATIONALLY
KNOWN SPECIALIST IN BLOOD DISEASES WHO WAS TAKEN
FROM HER HOME AROUND THREE AM ON WEDNESDAY BY
PERSONS CLAIMING TO BE POLICE. ACCORDING TO THE
FAMILY, FOUR ARMED MEN CARRYING MACHINE GUNS AND
PISTOLS WERE IN PROCESS OF BREAKING DOWN THE
DOOR OF THE WEINSTEIN APARTMENT WHEN ONE OF THE
COUPLE'S DAUGHTERS OPENED IT TO THEM. ON ENTERING,
THE MEN LOCKED MR. WEINSTEIN AND THE TWO DAUGHTERS
OF THE FAMILY IN A BATHROOM, THEN PROCEEDED TO
RANSACK THE APARTMENT BEFORE PUSHING DR. BEATRIZ
ROSALIA WEINSTEIN INTO A RENAULT AND LEAVING. THE
INTRUDERS SMASHED THE APARTMENT'S TELEPHONE, TORE
UP PASSPORTS OF THE FAMILY AND HAULED AWAY ADDRESS BOOKS AND
FAMILY SAVINGS OF \$2,000.

2. ACCORDING TO PERSONS WHO KNOW THE FAMILY MRS. WEINSTEIN HAD
AT SOME POINT VISITED CUBA, AND THUS COULD HAVE ATTRACTED
ATTENTION TO HERSELF. SHE WAS BELIEVED COMPLETELY APOLITICAL
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AND DEVOTED TO HER WORK--HER RESEARCH HAD LED SEVERAL YEARS AGO
TO DISCOVERY OF A BLOOD ABNORMALITY KNOWN AS "HEMOGLOBINA BUENOS
AIRES." EMBASSY VISA RECORDS SHOW THAT DR. WEINSTEIN AND HER
HUSBAND MANFREDO RECEIVED TOURIST VISAS FOR THE U.S. IN
SEPTEMBER, 1973.

3. DR. CHRISTIAN ANFENSEN, IN BUENOS AIRES ON BEHALF OF THE

NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, LEARNED OF THE WEINSTEIN ABDUCTION BEFORE LEAVING ARGENTINA, AND RAISED THE MATTER WITH HIS HOSTS AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS JUST BEFORE LEAVING FOR URUGUAY. (SEPTTEL GIVES FURTHER DETAILS.)

4. EMBOFF ON SAME DAY HERALD PUBLISHED ABDUCTION STORY (FRIDAY 3/10) ASKED RANKING MEMBER OF OFFICE OF THE ARMY SECRETARY GENERAL WHETHER HE HAD HEARD OF CASE AND HE REPLIED -- APPARENTLY IN ALL HONESTY -- THAT HE HAD NOT HEARD OF THE MATTER. EMBASSY PLANS TO RAISE WEINSTEIN ABDUCTION WITH FOREIGN OFFICE WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCE AT OPENING OF BUSNISS MONDAY.
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